

REMARKS

The claims are amended to eliminate the multiple dependencies kindly pointed out by the Examiner in the Official Action.

The aforementioned Official Action indicates that the claims in this application are directed to five different inventions. As identified in the Official Action, the five inventions are as follows.

Group I invention recited in Claims 1-15 and 60 directed to method and apparatus for cleaning sludge from a vessel with a vacuuming apparatus.

Group II invention set forth in Claims 17-29, 33-36 and 61 directed to method of extracting hydrocarbons from waste material using solvent extraction and heating.

Group III invention set forth in Claims 30-32 directed to apparatus for extracting recyclable hydrocarbons from waste hydrocarbons and aggregates.

Group IV invention set forth in Claims 37-53 and 59 directed to apparatus for filtering air and transferring air between chambers with a vortex between each chamber.

Group V invention set forth in Claims 54-58 directed to apparatus for filtering gas using chambers in series, the chambers containing internal baffles, receiving regions and outlet ports.

Based on the observation that the five inventions are distinct from one another, a restriction requirement has been imposed requiring an election of one of the five inventions.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the Group I invention recited in Claims 1-15 and 60. Applicants further submit that Claims 61, 64 and 78 are directed to the Group I invention.

The election of the Group I invention is made with traverse because it is believed that all of the claims of this application can be examined at the same time without serious burden. While it is recognized that the five inventions may be separately classified, it is believed that the search required for the elected invention would likely extend into those areas where the nonelected invention would be searched.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the restriction requirement, and examination of all of the claims of this application, including Claims 1-15, 60,

61, 64 and 78 directed to the elected invention, are respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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